1938 July 15

Fog all day as usual.

No work at Camels while Glorsday.

Mary & I down to Monterey & get the second tarpaulin & some shalots.

Pine Cone Crystal carry interesting accounts of council meeting:

Crystal is a very fine rascal — a dastard not to be get-at-able and ashamed.

Write to E

Pain in chest but some poor cousin Deborah arrived. She getting quite a collection — but they are really cousins the people don't believe it.

Back rehearsal at S. Virgil writes me sick — he's a jumping jack & very fussy & talkative & repeats everything 3 or 4 times — even page numbers

1938 July 16 Saturday.

up at 7:45. Fog fog fog.

Very light breakfast & 2 string quartets.

Mary came in about 10, having taken Twedie to the vet in Monterey.

We went to Carmels & looked over the work.

Mary liked the floors very much, as I do.

After lunch we packed a Jap print for a friend & Mary getting married in N.Y.

Then she & Doris went back from her 2 operations at hospital, & I to Bach orchestra rehearsal.

Mary came in later & then she to Monterey & Pair of Twedie & back to Pebble.

I home & then Robin Hood dell

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concert.

Just as this ended, about 6:30, the phone rang.

Hello.

Hello is this Bert, how are you, Mary darling. (Very dim)

Who is this?

Why, don't you — It's Esther.

Esther! Where are you?

In NewYork. (Very clear from this on)

You're crazy. Why don't you write a letter? Phoning you is very costly.

It doesn't matter when to for you. Will you come to Ky this winter?

What's the trouble? Aren't you going around the world?

No.. We're docked & can't move for first & go next year. Will you your letter broke my heart.

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come east this winter.

Yes.

Then Jess came & sent a dozen telephone kisses:

"Hello, Ollend," I said.

Then C came back & said she was so glad I'd come.

I love you

And I -

Good bye, I said & hung up.

To Bach rehearsal after dinner. Chorus only - & what a cross insistent director Rosing is - but he gets results.

1938 July 17 Sunday

up at 7:30. usual fog.

Practice a caucus for business, with coffee & biscuits.

Lots of good string music.

Mozart Jupiter by CBS. orchestra.

Called meet of Carmel Players at 4, for which I left Bach rehearsal, as I had (being one of the directors) one of the warmest scraps in Carmel dramatic history, but kept mostly "genteel" by Chairman Lee & Van Riper.

I spoke twice & got applause from both factions, which aint usual for me as I'm naturally a partizan. Which didn't show well, tho he was possibly in the right. Frank was

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noble & generous & forgiving — but
to no avail. After 2½ hours it
was voted 39 to 29 to call an interim
election for a new board.

Home for dinner & then to Bach
rehearsal with Cousins Deborah &
Sally.

Deborah's companion, Kathryn,
laid up with sunburn.

1938 July 18 Monday

Auburn went on strike. Left it at Carl's & later found it was same old trouble (3rd time!) only this time more gears broken & will be costly. Can't have it till tomorrow!

Cancelled taking Deborah & Kathryn to train.

Irene & I walked to concert at 8 pm. Handling trombones very effective. Concert excellent. Concerto for 4 pianos was striking, as was Mary Walker in a lovely dress as she came in to play her piano.

Linda Sargent & her musical critic concert pied in front of us. The flies

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a Carmel book & asked if I'd help. She's a fine writer but obscure (subtle?) as Henry James sometimes, only much more ~~slim~~ vibrant.

Meeting of board of Carmel Players. Lasted 3 hours & was still going when I left. I asked some pointed questions, esp as to who chose the plays. Seems Chick chose 'em all — so he is not sincere when he says theatre was being commercialized by them as Shakespeare unpossible!

The conservatives on the board seem discouraged. Bardarson, from outside, tried to reconcile Frank & Chick but Chick was obstinate.

China has some new guns & planes — keeping Japs off Hankow.

1938 July 19 Tuesday

Mailed a Cymbal (Bach festival issue with "Heart Dreams Again" article in it) to F in London.

Got Tues Herald & look on Camelo & he thought $500 ok to ask.

Air mail letter from E, hastily written Sat before playing & ending written after that costly 3 minutes, & finished next afternoon! Anyway to a dear letter.

Meeting of finance com. with Kennedy (accountant) at Kellogg.

Car repaired enough to use at 6:15, & home to shave & dress.

Sat Jessie Bonner & dinner at Normandy & to Bach concert.

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Staying seclusion under Calley was lovely, but rest of program a bore & me. I nearly went to sleep after the heavy dinner.

Saw Lily James & was asked to "high tea" at the "Castle" Friday.

F. will be back in this hemisphere sometime in the fall, E. says.

"Heralding trumpets" at Concert were unusually fine tonight

Douglas Corrigan, who set out for California (maybe!) from N.Y., lands in Ireland after the next most amazing flight after Lindbergh's.

1938 July 20 Wednesday

Too tired to be waked by alarm, & slept till 8:30. Still overcast.

Light breakfast & then to Carmelo.

Alfred Frankenstein's opening lecture on Bach & Price Gem. Excellent.

Met Mrs. Harris Coffin, sister of Elmer Harris, rather charming oldish woman who was here in early days, before Stone.

Paid $50 of Carmelo paint materials, but Ogden paid me $70 rent to cover!

Fourth fig & cheese cake for lunch

Looked at Phillips beautiful model of Carmel Mission.

To organ recital at All Saints, but not for me so I left & went back to Carmelo where Reid & the 3 young fellows were cleaning up before quitting. Eg & I will finish

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the odd things next week. And what a different place it is!

Rejoined it at 8:500 & told all the agents.

Police Dept needs much correction.

Home at 6:30, watered the veg garden, took a good shower & cooked dinner. First corn of the season for me.

Read the paper for first time in 3 days. Have I been busy!

Didn't go to official opening of new air service at Dellmont airport at 9 a.m.

1938 July 21 Thursday

Gong sounded at 12:30 last night, after a long restful evening of reading & writing. I slept well till early morning & then became sick. Why? Christ only knows.

I got up at 9:15, still miserable.

Fog disappeared at 10.

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wrote that Dvorak "has more heart
than art," but the estimate is unjust.

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express us as Europe has [illegible]
mortalized in tone.

Chautauqua Institution Holds Annual Session

TUNING in to find all the good music on the air of a recent Sunday, I suddenly contacted a first-class orchestra playing Schumann's fourth symphony exceptionally well under a conductor whose interpretation underlined all the melodic curve and romantic warmth of the great German composer.

At the end came the announcer's information, and I learned that I had been listening to a concert by the Chautauqua Symphony Orchestra, led by Albert Stoessel at Chautauqua Lake, N. Y. That was on July 24, and since then Sundays are being made more worth-while for music-lovers by the afternoon (3 p.m. EDT) NBC ministrations under the Stoessel baton. His men are mostly professional symphonists from New York, supplemented by some of the best students of the Juilliard School.

For some years past, Stoessel has been directing the Juilliard Orchestra and also conducting the Chautauqua organization. He is a member, too, of the teaching faculty at the latter educational center.

The Chautauqua Institution was developed from the Sunday School Assembly, started in 1874, and to which thousands of learners flocked every summer and lived in a tent colony on the shores of the picturesque lake in western New York. The popularity of the initial efforts led to rapid extensions in summer-school curricula, reading and correspondence courses and other related subjects. Among them is special provision for musical instruction and leadership taught by nationally renowned pedagogs and artists, the latter giving numerous instrumental and vocal recitals.

Deeply interested in the Chautauqua project is Ernest Hutcheson, head of the Juilliard School, and on the Sunday mentioned he contributed a lofty solo performance of Beethoven's E-flat ("Emperor") concerto.

It is real inspiration for Chautauqua attendants to come under the influence of musicians like Stoessel, Hutcheson and their colleagues; and it should give air-dialers additional pleasure to understand what the Lake movement purposes and achieves.

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Friday, August 12

Goldman Band Concerts:
EDT, CBS. Grand March in
er); D Minor Fugue (Bach
(Bellstedt); March (Bach
Marches (Goldman).

1938 July 25 Monday

Tried to make up some sleep by staying in bed till 9.

Low fog.

Looked after shop for 2 hrs for Louise who is staying while Giffin is away.

The new 1-hr. parking signs made by MacAllister are nearly ready. Best-looking street signs I've ever seen.

Mary & Lou stopped for a bit & fixed up a window & leave eggs from the Valley.

Very late lunch & supper at 9!

Wrote to E a longish letter & one to J also, sending them on mail together to Santa Cruz. Walked down at 11 p.m. to mail the envelope. E should receive my night message Monday, short letter Tues. long one Wed, today's letter on Thurs. Good sequence.

1938 July 26 Tuesday

up at 7:30. Leave out at 9 - actually!

Telephone crew putting cable through old pipe in front yard.

1938 July 30 Saturday

up at 7 on a really hot day. Thermometer marked 80° in afternoon.

Loafed most of the day. Chamber music & fruited eggs for breakfast

Very interesting broadcast of a radio play about a man who saw himself 10 yrs. later & so didn't commit ~~the~~ murder. Reminded me in tone of Dunsany.

Also enjoyed radio version of E.A. Robinson's Tristan. For 25 yrs I've hoped to do a T. & I. in the F.T.

Robin Hood dell broadcast at 4:30 while I read & re-read & re-re-read E's 6 page letter (air mail) which shows she has read my letters #2, 3 & 4 (but not the first short one). She says I am very dear to her, which is flattering to me.

July 30 + 2

Planned & attend conference on possib. of high school for Carmel, but recalled during engagement just in time. Spent pleasant eve at Whitehouse with Murrell (candid for assembly) & Barbara & 2 Gilberts. Very nice people.

Home at 11, wrote a formal joke letter to E & mailed it.

Signed W.P.A. project papers for F.T., which is a $20,947 affair ($4221 from city & 16,726 from govt)

E speaks of "clean cool air" — which is a strange coincidence.

1938 July 31 Sunday

3rd hot day, but I love it.

Up at 7:30 and had a good breakfast, then read through a huge pile of old papers & listened to 3 symph broadcasts.

Mary phoned, with her "in-coming" plans very indefinite.

To village & shaved shingle & beauty parlor operator, but rent (45) too high for her.

Postal card from E, dated 26th but postmarked 27th (here), shows she got my first letter and also program of Bach Fest. It's rather frank for a postal!

1938 August 1 Monday

2nd last day.
Up early & to bed late.
Meet of new Players board & agenize.
Fad then & declined chairmanship.
Dixon took it. Townsend & McCarthy's
resignations accepted. Tilly very
nice. D. James passed retaining clerk,
but not done.
Lyd & I to go to see Blockade,
which has some fair Loyalist propaganda
in it.
Note from Mary. She doesn't feel
well & wanted some whiskey.

1938 August 2 Tuesday

3rd truly hot day. 80° in L.R.

Did little work. Feel tired & not very well.

Wrote short letter to E.

Shakespeare reading at La Rebera. Lear begun again. 13 present. I read Lear this time. After I suggested putting a tray a a conv. in rehearsal at F-T., the Lefevres & I when ready & possible. Tentatively chose Hamlet or R & J & T. N. Enthusiastically supported. Fisher said history was made this night. Anyhow it lays the foundation line for Festival.

1938 Aug 3 Wednesday

Up at 7:30. Bright clear lovely day. But I don't feel very fit.

Letter from E. She says F coming back end of Sep. Has enjoyed London.

Letter from Happy also!

Reg. meet of City Council. No fireworks, except at close we learned our parking limits were not working. Long meet: 7:45 – 11:45

Finance com. 4:30 & 5:30 to go over monthly bills. $7,000 to pay out.

1938 August 4 Thursday

Waked at 7:15 by phone from Williams re Tom working at 8 or 10! I needed the sleep but stayed up.

Pleasant day but fog in afternoon.

Shifting lever broke on Auburn! I should have got a new car last year — but with what?

Worked on roof of concrete studio with Tom.

Mary found she probably be in early next week.

Lunched at La Ribera.

9th August by Boston Boat under Kosmotchag. Autobus Festival. Oi oi!

Lesson #3 well done by St. Clair.

Much warm city big.

Tired but feel well.

Write to Bill.

1938 August 5 Friday

Hiked for a some sun - a little
Worked on roof of studio addition.
Card from E, no date, postmarked
Aug 1, answering questions I sent
her.
Also 2 letters, air mail, postmarked
the 3rd. One in answer to my first
"formal" letter, the other possibly in
answer to mine of July 31. I don't
really know, as she doesn't mention
it, but it answers the time.
Seth + Alec + I saw the F.T. stage,
& we held first rehearsal of R. J.
from 4 to 6. Only six of us. Fisher
after all has talk didn't appear.
Meeting of directors of Cornell Players

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at Green Room. Chose 2 prod directors for Exh & some committees.

It was suggested & taken up Letitia for the workshop. I may, if I can be united in with Shakespeare. Small pay.

Broadcast of Carnegie's arrival & parade in City. Wow!

1938 August 6 Saturday

up at 7. Hi fog most of day, but low wet fog for some hours.

Helped Griffin make up order for Grosset, whose traveller called for first time in 20 yrs!

Cleaned house for 3 hours.

George Sedwick came up & explain his absence from Cascade work.

Read part of Life of Jack London in Post. Very interesting, with all the ups & downs & Charmian & George & the rest. I'll wait for the book & read the rest.

Quite cool tonight, so I made a fire.

Baked stuffed bell peppers & filled the cooker with food in case Bill came

1938 August 7 Sunday

Up at 7:30 on a pleasant morning, sun alternating with fog.

Mary phoned she'd be in with the trunks, & Wednesday to stay over.

Mrs Welch (real estate) phoned re parking limit on Dolores, mad as hell. Suggested she take Cyanide, stop nagging her. I told her: "Don't be silly; the Council is not running the Cyanide."

Barkley seems to have won the Democratic Kentucky, which is fine for Roosevelt.

Russia & Japan may yet fight. I hope so. It would save China.

Postal from Bill. He'll be down on 13th, with no guest.

With John Williams down the coast to Pala Colorado to see redwood lumber mill & order boards for Lois's garage.

Aug 7 1+2

Home at 3:30 a worked at desk till 6:30, then ~~worked~~ dressed.

Listened music last night of great moment.

Read in the Bible for an hour & then to bed.

Not very well.

1938 August 8 Monday

Very fine two short plays broadcast by Mercury Theatre on Sky, with Orson Welles doing most of the acting. The Fool, from Sherwood Anderson's story; the Open Window, from Saki; Hay Fever, from Carl Ewald's book.

Rehearsal of Tue. in F.T. Hot day & cold wind, making it chilly & unpleasant. Read Isabel instead of the Fool. Should like it as well, but may play it another time for a change.

Sent E a box of reduced fronds.

1938 August 9 Tuesday

~~Cold~~ day. Partly.

Finished King Lear at La Ribera, & reading Lear. Terrible & great play.

Rehearsal of T.M. at F.J. Fog a mind made it rather disagreeable. I read Malvolio instead of the Fool. I don't like it so well but may play it another year, for a change.

Two letters from E, one dated 5th & one 7th (latter air mail). The Aug 5 letter is very dear. She's out of the hospital.

1938 August 10 Wednesday

Mary came in at noon.
We worked middy & home till
7 & then had a simple dinner.
Spent a most enjoyable evening
with a few of our cows.

1938 August 11 Thursday

Mary went to Camelo & toward Alex in garden work.

Paid interest on Camelo loan & loaned another 1000 to complete the work & pay bills already contracted there, & 100 for Sam for an extra room at Robles & a reserve for the fall requirements.

Mary went to Robles in late afternoon.

Little black kitty with green eyes from E. with 4 pages of verse.

1938 August 12 Friday

Rehearsal of R-J at F.T. Good cast, but Boris Richardson a good prospect for Romeo, leaves soon for New Mexico & return for Xmas. Also:

I read Mercutio & will probably play it — unless we change the play for look of a Romeo.

Lunch at Normandy as ate no dinner. F

To first show of opening run of Margueling at Filmarte. Fine work. Charles Boyer remarkable & Danielle Darrieux very sweet & serious. There was nothing "cheap" about this film.

Bill arrived unexpectedly about 11 p.m. I thought he was coming tomorrow. He looks very well.

1938 August 13 Saturday

Up at 7. Bright day.

Breakfast with Bill, who then went to Cecil to enter "invitational tournament" as his father's only guest.

He qualified with a 72. Not bad for a boy who finds little time to practice.

Cleaned walls - floor of new add. & studio.

Took a good bath & shaved & feel better.

Robin Hood Dell concert, Wallenstein conducting.

Dinner at Willard Wheeler's & talked with Sara who is ill. Then to concert at Lunt Audit as Wheeler's guest. Daniel Ericourt, pianist. Very interesting & dynamic but much of his interpretation

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so new as to seem as if he were playing not Bach, etc. but some other composer.

Charlie Chaplin was there.

Home at 11 (bay concert!) just 5 minutes after Bill, with no key, had burglarized his entrance.

1938 August 14 Sunday

Hot & foggy.

Up at 7:30 & had a good ride just with Bill.

He then to play in Club tournament, while I worked & listened to Radio Symph & String Qs.

Fine meal & cream at 10:45.

Postal from Jessica from Cape Cod, & air mail letter of 2 days later — in answer to mine forwarded from St Louis.

Chaminade Symph under Stokes: Overture & Major Flirts, Brahms 3rd etc. Fine music & finely done.

Files came up & show me some samples of steel pipes for Canned.

Bill ret. from his golf. Won with

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a 73. After lunch he went up to the ranch. White tips are very good.

KHJB broadcast records of Beethoven for an hour. Toscanini & BBC orchestra in a superb rendering of the Pastoral & Walter & Vienna Orch in Leonore #3.

Carried my books & papers & office furnishings out & new studies add. (till old work room is emptied & cleaned.)

1938 August 15 Monday

Meet of Carmel Players board at Tilly's at 7:30 p.m. - Seems chuck dinner arrange for any of 3 productions & you can't take do with you is not released - will all hold true business!

Discussion of type of plays, & Tilly & stand alone for good quality, as against mass popularity.

1938 August 16 Tuesday

Tom & I stacked redwood lumber most of afternoon.

Rehearsal of T. M. in F. T. Only a few present.

Reading of R & J at La Ribera in eve.

To Alhambra at 9 am with Van Riper & Anderson & they to see State board school planning head. We looked at the 4 sites suggested. He's a fine chap.

1938 August 17 Wednesday

Up early. Breakfast with Bill.
We did some housecleaning, then he to practice golf while I did a bit of desk work & prepared for council meet tonight.

Bill back with Auburn in time for dinner.

Council meet at 7:45. Garage contract up: 4 bidders. Rosselli bulled last years: $4200! Arranged library bond issue for $3000. Set tax rate at 100, with library fund at 19 cents. Tried repeatedly to annex at 18 but no support.

Asked Wilson Jenkyn who wrote the lies in tonight's Herald. He admitted he did. I don't mind the story, but object to having

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I thought I used my authority to evade public action.

I think I'd have put the thing down to 18 & Sanders had it batted in & outgunned Kellogg. Buck was too worried about his election & assembly to take a stand.

1938 August 18 Thursday

Very tired. Woke at 8:30.

Late breakfast with Bill, who then ~~left~~ to play golf:

Mary & Jean in for lunch & meal.

Wrote & posted at W. Yarmouth.

Mrs. Otey, Sallee & Barrett all disgruntled & blaming tax of 19 cents. Well, I can't fight entirely alone.

To village on foot. Bill having the Auburn. His own car still not fixed. Poor kid, it's quite a blow. Takes all the money he'd saved - about $20.

He returned from golf at 4, & lay down on bed to rest.

We had a large early dinner, & I was really hungry having walked a lot & eaten no lunch.

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To village again & got a hair cut & was bored as hell by Dr Gray for adult ed. teaching. Usual formality.

Home & cleaned up & read for pleasure & listened to Toronto Symph. Mozart & Bach.

This noon I listened to bulletins of Roosevelt's speech at dedication of 1000 Island bridge to Canada. She had sure can talk! But I wish to Christ he'd do something to help Spain instead of Franco!

Bill home & I listened to Standard Symph under Kindler. Mozart, Beethoven, Tschaikowsky, Wagner. (It's the last of overtures to Don Giovanni this week!)

Herald has very sensational article of last night's Council meeting. And a 1/4 apology for the "fable" of [redacted]. Me & the cat.

1938 August 19 Friday

Fog still, with little gobs of sun.

Tom came at 7:30 & we started the rest of the redwood today. Later George Lidmark came - we all worked at camels in the afternoon.

Crystal has a biting editorial on Smith's attempt to throw the blame for city deficit on Ocean Ave imp. instead of his council's extravagant mis-management. P. Cove also but mild, but good for P Cove.

Crystal has a beautiful article by Lynda Sargent on Partington Canyon.

Chester Powell made a good talk on Russo-Jap-China business men's community Club luncheon.

Got a rebate for dinner, which Bill

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cooked mail. & got the rest of the dinner.

Bill wanted to play swing, so I
left & walked to P.O. at 9 — but no
mail. & wonder why.

Rehearsal of R & J at F.T. at 4.
only Barbara & Alex — Mrs. Butterfield
showed up. and Keith Fisher.

1938 August 20 Saturday.

Up at 7. Fog as usual, till late in middle of day.

I dressed & shaved early & was ready for VanRiper & put me up to go see high school cuties but he didn't appear.

Bill to golf tournament & I to village for mail (but there was none. And over really I wonder!).

Friend of Corbett for board of equalization re election. I told him very frankly what I thought of the Latham affair & he was not so happy.

I don't feel at all well.

Mozart's Serenata Notturno — early work — light & sweet. New to me.

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Good warmed-over dinner with Bill, who lost today's match & is therefore out of court tournament.

Write 2-page letter to Happy.

no letter from E at 9 pm.

Bill went to see Tom Lawyer & client like it.

1938 August 21 Sunday

Up at 7:30 on the standard foggy morning.

Breakfast with Bill who then went to practice golf.

After the (final) broadcast of the championships I went down for the mail — and there was the long expected letter from E. Nice & fat & with high expectations I went back to the car to read it. And that was the end of this brightness.

The change which I sensed in the letter following the lovely one of Aug. 5 (the last before Warren's arrival) is now frankly plain. He drove down again & took her back to his father's summer place in Mass where she spent several "peaceful glorious days." She is quite

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definitely changed. Jess returns tomorrow. I wonder how it will all end. There's little I can do. And I returning next month!

I ate no lunch, but sorted & read letters, copies & photos all afternoon. O hell bits!

Silvermine Festival: Ninth Symph. The last movement I cannot think to, but the rest preceding is very beautiful.

Dinner with Bill who then went to movies. I read letters for new clues — but there's only one answer.

"Never shall I fail you; I shall prove true!"

La donna e mobile.

1938 August 22 Monday

up at 7:30 & worked cleaning shelves with Tom assisting, till noon.

Bill to qualification round of state golf tournament. He was way off his game, taking 82.

Mary came in at 11½ & worked at tamales after lunch.

Back at 5 when we listened to Orson Welles as Amotal & he was not good.

Mary, Bill & I had dinner at 7. chicken, green peas, & a corn pudding Mary made.

Bill out, Mary back & Robbie & me alone. Very much alone.

1938 August 23 Tuesday

Fog in morning.

Breakfast with Biel who then watch golf.

Rehearsal of T. U. & F. T. & K.

Dinner with Biel & Shaw.

Reading of Shaw & La Rabra, also Dark Lady (Shaw).

To Camel Theater (free). Three Comedies. Good show, esp first 2/3.

No mail. Je suis miserable.

1938 August 24 Wednesday

Filed application for job teaching Shakespeare & diction in Carmel Players workshop (for adult ed.). Bardavon, Van Riper & Watson gave me fine letters & attack.

Assumed reg. Council met at 4. Awarded garage contract to Roscelli. Postponed action on Owens service station. Quit at 6:15, & home for dinner with Bill.

He went out for evening. Off to hear (and alas, all!) "Life & Loves of Beethoven" at Filmarte. Was there no happiness in his life. And was he quite so disgusting?

1938 August 25 Thursday

Didn't sleep well at all.
Bill off to Pebble Beach after breakfast
Spent some time getting Yetta's book fixed.
Talk with Kit Whitman re art institute.
Jack Hanson asked re Ogden's lease —
wanted by Hanson etc for private dance
big. Sounds good; if it can be arranged.

Pleasant sunny day.
Good Toast Lunch broadcast.
Got a lot of corn, lettuce, bell peppers
& ground steak for dinner — & Bill
didn't come home for dinner.

Standard Lunch no good. Walked
down for mail & then to bed, sick.

1938 August 26 Friday

After a wretched night I got up at 8 and cooked breakfast for Bill & myself.

Bill to water golf at Pebble Beach.

Pleasant day after morning fog left, but I felt so rotten I didn't enjoy it.

Rehearsal of R & J at F.T. at 4.

Mrs Newberry asked for interview.

Book shop is doing fine business, & Griffin hints no more.

Crystal calls me a boon for asking parking limits be enforced on Mission St.

Fine evening. Walked down for mail. None.

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Water shut off at 9:30 for 2 hrs. while the Co. put in new hydrant above us on 7th, & filled faucets with sand.

Changed washers, & now all leak bad again & all faucets leaking. Damn!

1938 August 27 Saturday

Up & 7. Bright warm morning, a fine change from the seemingly endless rainy fogs.

Feel better, tho not well.

Bill & I had a good breakfast & then he went to Cobble Beach to watch the semi-finals of the state championships.

I rested till 11, then to village.

Letter from Happy.

Conference with landscape architect & park com.

Entertained by Ida Ventress in F. T. Very warm & pleasant there this afternoon.

Bought a small chicken, fresh corn, green peas & rolls for dinner — Bill's last on this vacation. He loves them all, esp corn. He washed the dishes while I

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washed clothes. We ate at 6:45 so he could go to movies.

Kid de gamboys, harpsichord & flute broadcast quite charming.

Toscanini (from Lucerne Festival) not with much of reception. Of doubtless was good over there.

Beautiful evening. Walked down for mail.

Librarian mad at me for saying library tax was too much in contrast to other arts.

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At dinner Bill said it was the last corn he'd have this season.

"Can't you get corn in S.F.?"

"Yes, but I'll be in a boarding house."

"Won't you be there?"

"Yes, but I'm tired of not knowing whether there'll be any dinner ~~sunday when I~~ get home from work."

Poor kid! How well I know that feeling.

Well we certainly had a good dinner tonight.

I'm very glad he could have such a restful vacation. 16 days — and more sunshine than last few than earlier in the summer.

1938 August 28 Sunday

up at 7. Right beautiful day.
Fixed a good breakfast for Bill & we ate in cheerful sunshine, tho he was sorry to leave & go & sorry to have him.

He spoke yesterday of going to a boarding house as his mother was so negligently at home.

Also he wished he could live on Council a bare one hundred. He doesn't want to work for me, & he's probably right.

I suggested real estate. Said he very good at it.

He made — lunch with the chicken left for dinner & started his car.

I let him have $10 as the car repair had taken all his savings.

I felt very sad after he'd driven off.

He's a very dear boy.

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Not good typing for the tournament was a blur to him. He mentioned it.

I said I was sorry he couldn't stay another month.

Listened to symphony broadcast & then to wedge for mail & cream.

An unexpected note from E — very sweet — cheered me up wonderfully.

After a bowl of figs & bread pudding I started cleaning out the main studio. Worked till 5, got pretty dirty & took a long shower.

Had a good dinner of left overs & 1/2 of one of my new bread pan specials.

Feel much better.

1938 August 29 Monday

War maybe pretty soon?

Tom came to work & we cleaned out the entire basement & raked & hoed all under house.

Mary came in — the late afternoon I'd had lunch at Normandy & Mary eats no meat, so we had a simple supper of baked squash, tomatoes & egg nog.

We stayed by the hearth till 11.

Czechoslovakia approaches crisis
Loyalist gov still holds out bravely in Spain
Gave dope to Mrs Newberry for Pope article
on "one."

1938 August 30 Tuesday

Card from Bill (the blank one I gave him) — so I know he had no accident.

Short letter from E.

Mary & I voted in primary election, particularly not for Corbett for board of Equalization.

Mary & I then drove down the coast & up Palo Colorado Canyon & around 2000 ft. of redwood.

Ira came in with Maude Hoyle & Mary drove her back to Robles. That is, Mary & Ira departed.

Rehearsal in F.T. at K.

Reading of Henry IV 1st 2 at La Riba at S.

1938 August 31 Wednesday

up early; good breakfast & fast Tom & work finishing the dusting & raking of basement.

8 to meet J. com. on Carmel High School athletic routing to be plotted at Colton Hall.

T. P.G. for mine visits & Jay Holmes bill of Carmel paint etc. Get a decent shovel.

Stopped at new "old" bookshop in Monterey & found 8 brown pamphlets — Thoreau name.

Heavy fog last night & basement junk out in open get damp. Cover & with tarpaulin.

White a short note to E.

Incidents defeated. Also Beebe. Also Tickle. Corbett won. Damn.

1938 September 1 Thursday

Up at 7:30. Fog, which cleared early into a light warm day — and fine evening with clear stars.

Sweet letter from Jessica.

Tom worked here all day, but I did only 1/2 day's work — roof, washing, 7a minutes, etc.

Balance of day I loafed and read & wrote poetry.

From, Hanna, Vandenberg paid rent.

Chronicle begins "streamlined" arrangement — a definite improvement.

Felt well all day.

Toronto typed at 5 & Standard at P.N.

1938 September 3 – Saturday

Drove out to Robles to tell Mary & Jim to be sure to come in to see "Storm in a Teacup." Took strawberries & ice cream to them for lunch.

Stopped at Reid ranch on way back. Gene not there, but Catharine showed me all the progress of the building.

Went to 2nd show (the I'd seen it some months ago) & saw Mary & Jim soon leaving as they'd come for 1st show. They enjoyed it immensely, as did I.

1938 September 4 Sunday

"La ci darem la mano"

1938 September 5 Monday

To shop & show #4 to Dr Pockh & his wife. They took it & paid $35 for Oct.

I had dropped in & Stella asked: "What do you hear from Frances?" She shook her head.

(5 min later)

While I was in #4 Stella came in, with a letter in her hand. I can't that means for a while, & I puffed it. F wrote from Genoa, (letter begun in Vienna) mailed Aug 27 thought be back in Calgary Oct 1. She said she'd love to find a letter from Stella waiting for her a year about everyone.

Mrs Dr Pockh was putting out his check & handed it to me while I was reading F's letter; but I paid no

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attention. Stella cried: "He's trying to give you some money." I looked up: "This is much more important," I said. Stella kissed me & cried. "It is! It is!"

She said she was going to write all the F.

I wrote a remote a poem for Fs Hey but can't get it & sent me, so I'll send her "David" instead.

Stella said she'd been so glad to see Jack & Schultz, as now she was completely cured.

— and to complete the evening somehow or the radio sang the 3rd verse of Annie Laurie.

1938 September 6 Tuesday

up at 7 & worked ironing books & new additions; did some office work & wondered about E.

Rehearsal of "Falstaff's Hamlet" in F.T. at 4.

Cancelled reading at La Ribera & ended series. Went with proof to rehearsal work at Green Room. Acted & read work & said I couldn't play it. Later I read one scene.

No mail. Blue.

Ate a junk dinner at La Ribera — first time I've eaten out in some time — but I can't cook & was dishes always.

1938 September 7 Wednesday

up early. Fine day.
Worked hard cleaning out library.
No mail.
City council meet (reg. monthly meet)
7:45 to 11:15. Lots of resolutions
& discussion. Purchased motorcycle
for Police Dept.
Took a good bath when I got home
& to sleep at 12:30. Such a long day!
Retail store strike starts in S.F.

1938 September 8 Thursday

The soaking fog last night wet most of the stuff stored out of the basement, also some boots put down, that covered.

up at 8, a feeling quite well in spite of last night's long council meet.

Chronicle reports tense situation in Czechoslovakia.

S.F. Stock strike a pretty mess. 10,000 men idle.

Tried to write poetry but no good.

7a Rdy chores.

No mail.

Skipped lunch

Guy phoned the Ford was not working yet, so shd not be in tomorrow & probably not till Sunday or later.

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Adjutant committee meet at 1, which I thought would last 15 m & lasted 2 hrs.

Marketed & to PO for mail. Ach! Feel blue & wondering.

Wallenstein's Symph played Furtwängler Symph very beautifully & cheered me up.

Toasted Symph & in evg. Standard Symph.

Cooked a good simple dinner, & to 2nd show at Filmarte: "Glamorous Night" starring Mary Ellis, utterly non-glamorous, in a romantic idiocy. And even the shots were lousy.

1938 September 9 Friday

I wish I could have been in St. Patrick's Cathedral this morning to see the funeral services for Cardinal Hayes. Gorgeous & impressive — & no sorrow in the passing of a man past 70 who died easily & quickly after a fine life of work.

And then I could had lunch with E.

Worked long & hard cleaning up & burning basement junk, took a good shower & ate feast of figs for lunch.

Berkholt came up re the fired cop who wants a full month's salary — tho he was let resign instead of having

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charges against him!

Rehearsal of Hamlet in F.T. at 4.

Feel very well today.

Things look bad in Europe – but they'll look worse if England doesn't come out flat so Hitler can be sure. Should have been no war in 1914 if England had not been so indefinite.

Capitol & Plaza deal went with last 2 days council meets but all 3 papers forgot the new motorcycle – which is good.

Joe Smith's Council book is out – and then is round meeting of HH, JA Reed, Fox Theaters, Mayer, etc.

Sep 9 p 3

Just before 9 o'clock tonight the phone rang & it was Esther, her voice gentle but clear as a bell.

Where are you? say I.

In New York.

my God!

That's what you always say!

Why don't you write a letter? || I like to talk to you, she says

Why do you do it? says I.

When I find a letter like the one you sent — Why are you sad?

Several reasons — but chiefly because I'm 3000 miles from you.

Oh you darling!

I feel much better now that I hear your voice. [It's a very dear voice]

I have ~~sent~~ a circle ~~full~~ of kisses. I demand them. Where

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been away ten days - just got back. Jess sends a lot of kisses but I won't deliver them.

You better!

She says they're smelly kisses.

How are you?

I'm all right now.

All well & strong again?

Yes.

I'll write you a letter very soon.

Please do.

Goodbye

Goodbye, said the sweet voice.

I wrote her a short note, put an air stamp on it - walked down to the P.O. & mailed it. She'll get it Monday for breakfast.

1938 September 10 Saturday

Dripping fog all night & this morning. Queerest Sept weather I ever saw — outside of the year it began & ran Sept 6 & Sept & Sept 2 weeks.

Feel well & so much happier.

Delicious breakfast. Thin crisp extra good WW toast, perfect coffee & peaches & cream, with Beethoven's 4 in E flat major by the Stradivarius 4.

To village for a lot of damn business, nice paying interest on Caundo loans.

Tenant paid rent.

Listened to caloss American speech of Pres. Benes of Czechoslovakia.

Ate lunch at Blue Bird & so only a light supper at home at 7:30.

Sept 10 p.m.

Sedenek came up & gave some good advice re lining + flooring basement.

Worked late, but accomplished very little today.

Bright & cause of Heinz' ennui, so Mary would have a choice when she comes in tomorrow - if she comes.

1938 September 11 Sunday

Mozart, Beethoven & Brahms
for the morning broadcasts.

Finished long letter to E.

John Williams came up & cleaned
basement & store-room.

Mary came in at 4, as I was listening
to Orson Welles "Julius Caesar". It does
seem as good as when I heard it several
years previously.

Had a small piece of round steak for
dinner, so for supper she cooked some
corn & egg mush with apple pie (gift
from Sue). Many helpers that sort of supper
among. We spent a particularly pleasant
evening together.

1938 September 12 Monday

up at 7 & started Tom digging out earth from the basement to make a new store-room.

Had some amusing talks with Mary re storerooms, etc.

The big event of the day was Hitler's Nuremberg speech. He was loud & cruel in his tone — a certainly fine art of a good hate talk — without actually stating anything. Maybe France's near-mobilization deterred him from throwing any more oil on the coals. England is no great help. If she wasn't so needed in the world battle for democracy I'd almost like to see her Tory selfishness licked once by a good dictator.

Sept 12 & 2

A short dear note from E. written
part before & part after Morning Friday night.
I mailed her a long letter written
Saturday & Sunday.

Good lunch with Mary & Anne,
after which she rested & Robbed.

Odd situation on P Cove parking &
Cockburn on Library Board.

Rachel Hiller phoned that Mrs Griffin's
sister had died. That's a blessing

Bright clear warm day.

Feel well & happy.

Mary was unusually nice this trip.

Delicious green corn (& not cooked!)
for dinner.

1938 September 13 Tuesday

Fine day — even warm.

Tom digging out basement — which should have been done long ago.

Rehearsal of Othello at F.T. at 4.

1st class in diction & Shake reading at Lemert, in art room; at 7:15 only 8 attended. But Anne Marie Baer got only 2 — & gave up her class in stage design.

Poor Edith Fuchs's little yellow cat was killed by a car. It was a cruel thing, as she has alone & adored the little animal.

Invited by Lyons. I went to a medical movie: Bob Burns & Dorothy Lamour.

1938 September 14 Wednesday

Fine clear day. Up early & worked most of the day on banking driveway curve & lengthening culvert. Tom got more of the basement dug out.

Met with council at 3 to consider cutting certain trees & lowering grade at 7th & Monte Verde. Decision upset by bank contractor using two men of ocean & Dolores.

Adjourned reg. council met at 4. Passed Olivera's semi station 2nd reading & library bond election ditto.

Got a small broiler & made a good dinner.

Wrote to E but won't mail it till tomorrow, when I'll enclose poem for F's birthday.

Sept 14 '38

Czechoslovakia stands bravely against Hitler, the deserted by England & probably France.

And Chamberlain will fly to Berlin before Hitler tomorrow. Bah!

Read Stallings just published "Poems to Vera: Free classic poetry — but when I read Van Connolly I wonder how he could do it!

1938 September 15 Thursday

Up early. Bright day

Tom failed to appear, so I did a lot of things alone, then quit, being interrupted by city attorney & police commissioner & confabs w contractor racing toward street for bank bldg. I think I settled it diplomatically.

Many phoned just after past.

Miss Griffin is back from Palo Alto where her sister died. She seems relieved but rather shaky & I don't wonder.

Radio says Chamberlain has seen Hitler & goes back to London to discuss matters with the Cabinet. Benes is the only head who is really backing Hitler — & he with only a small country to support him. Henlein ordered arrested for

treason. That's good.

I gave Bassett my poem "Heil, Hitler" for the Symbol.

Copied "David" for Frances & sent with a brief note in a buff envelope addressed Frances, enclosed in letter to E. letter to E was delicately inserted in reg. to F. I wrote 1934 Sept 16 1938 on F's ep.

Toronto Symph all Wagner broadcast.

Warmed over dinner.

Standard Symph at 8:15. Schubert's C major Symph, quite well done.

Roosevelt's purge in Georgia didn't work. His man ran a very poor third.

Radio said mostly cloudy & scattered showers, so I went to the #1 & put out the tent & moved furniture & cushions from the corner.

1938 September 16 Friday

Thunder & lightning & rain in the night. I was nervous & worried over possible leaks in 7A Alley — but there was nothing to be done.

Right after breakfast I went down. No damage, but there was an inch of water in the tub.

Tilly had me telephone to Abernathy with Mrs Kellogg & Stutevant the landscape architect. We discussed Carmel plan, esp. Ocean Ave.

Griffin & Jenkins (o/s) paid rent, which I at once deposited, & while at bank stopped Charley re contractor, trucks — are all amicably settled & offering to settle & I not yet OK.

Sept 16 / 2

Jadwiga came to Normandy while we were at lunch. I kissed her. She is here with husband + baby.

Bennett has my boom on post legs at top + starts well.

Tom was sick yesterday, he said. Worked digging out basement all day today.

Mary phoned this morning + sent in eggs.

Proofs of "Santa Fe Trail" + Stanford "Imp Valley" came today.

No mail, which is strange.

Rehearsal of Othello at F.T. at 4.

Good dinner of warmed-overs + pumpkin + coffee.

1938 September 17 Saturday

Up early & got quite a lot of work done. Tom finished digging out basement.

Morning mail had card from E acknowledging my short note mailed night she phoned.

Afternoon had air mail letter - 5½ - which upset me very definitely. I don't know what she means, but her tone is artificial & certain admissions very different from what I'd expected.

Griffin got a large box of books from Frost Study, which I helped her unpack & check.

1938 September 18 Sunday

Warm day, with rain in air — but none came.

Did some office work, but little else except reading papers & listening to radio reports on Europe.

A Finnish German (Am. correspondent in Berlin) made a vile talk in a vile guttural. Two Englishmen talked smoothly & unemotionally. Poor cowardly England!

Kaltenborn gave a fine bold resume & comment on the situation, referring to France and England as Czechoslovakia's "supposed friends."

In early evening an unofficial report that England & France had agreed, after 8 hrs. conf., to hand over Sudeten territory to Hitler — and then, later, arrangt for guarantee of remainder

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of Czechoslovakia by Eng. France, Germany, Italy, Poland, Hungary & Jugoslavia!!
Germany as a guarantor of boundaries would be comic — & ~~Eng. &~~ France guaranteed present Czecho boundaries & Eng. pledged to Fr. So what are their pledges worth?

Thats Czecho — fights & ~~that~~ Russia backs her.

I'm so disgusted with England that I can hardly contain myself.

Arrgats Prague & Jupiter symphs, also Schubert's Unfinished, ~~Quartet~~ for strings & harpsichord by Handel & a Gluck aria from Orpheus.

1938 — September 19 Monday

Up at 7 & to work early. Warm & suggestive of coming rain.

Tom & I worked on drainage for driveway in morning & on roof of Ida Billy - with wing in afternoon.

Many thanks should be in Wednesday.

Voted for Burnette & Townsend for Sanitary board.

Stella had a long letter from E, written just after her return from 10 days up state, containing no names of persons or places.

I also got a letter from E, written at Seneca Falls, dated Sep 8, postmarked there Sep 17. She was back in Troy on the 9th, so she must have kept the letter for somebody to mail, & somebody

Sept 19 22

forget it. There was nothing in the letter of any importance.

Bon Czechoslovakia! I can think of little else.

Stung myself 5-6

Have been & spent for dinner. I was hungry & tired, but feel quite well. But not very happy.

1938 September 20 Tuesday

Fine weather continues, but hottish.

Tom came early to work, & we did a lot of work on roof & Tally, most of it on ropes.

Had to cut rehearsal of Othello as so late & so dirty & so tired.

Director's meet of Comml Players. Dixon resigned as chairman & hon. business manager, & I was elected in his place; but resigned & could not give necessary time & it & got Tilly Polak elected instead.

Poor dinner at restaurant as no time to go home before class in Shakespeare. Finished Macbeth.

1938 September 21 Wednesday

Mary in at 10. & we drove down
east a ways Palo Alto & look at
lumber.

Home to late for lunch so skipped
it & had an early dinner. Mary
made an excellent shortcake
& we had egg nog with it for dessert.

Very pleasant evening & to bed
early for a change.

1938 September 22 Thursday

Up early & breakfast with Mary.
We [illegible] & Tat & I tramped my
all morning.

To Nursery for more shrubs for
sidewalk strip.

Mary rec'd Robles.

New England having bad floods
with hundreds drowned.

Looks like war in Europe as
Hitler wants more concessions &
France is stiffening.

Lovely letter from E in answer
to mine enclosing poem for F.

At 6 to Cadenattis with
Eva & Bud, Jos & Stella, Jaime
& 2 newcomers. Good dinner & Bud

Sept 22 / 2

bought lots of drinks. I had 2 martinis & drank 2 of Hales whisky sours she was afraid of. I was very friendly to Eva & Bud probably didn't like it.

Then to Fair grounds, but too late to see the livestock - except chickens & rabbits. Kids there.

Bud & Eva rode on whirling arms & cars & octopus. George nearly sick from the first adventure.

1938 September 23 Friday

Fine day. Up early.
Worked with Dan on road
Trimmed vines in court.
Sent "Ferdinand" & C for the b'day.
At 3 o'clock drove down coast &
sent back a truck-load of redwood
which I selected in Polo Colorado
canyon. Took Williams & Mann
with me to help.
Back at 6 — having missed Othello
rehearsal — & dressed & over & out
to dinner party at Dorcys'. Ben
Halladay & 2 kids also there. Excellent
meal & I was glad not to have to work
after a long hard day's work.
War? — war? — war? still raked &
hopes.

Sept 23 / 2

Eastern Florida even worse than supposed.

Hodza is at a Gen. Synod in a province of Czecho.

Hitler is not content yet — no will be till he runs the earth.

Cyclone — Please carry my "proclamation" re election day. Please have group photo of city officials.

1938 September 24 Saturday

Up at 7 & worked late & hard all day.

Ben & Ben & Bob up at 7 & Bob with Walt & found where beets probably come from.

Planted shrubs along sidewalk.

Trimmed more ivy.

Started stacking yesterday's load of R. Wh.

Tom left at 4, after which I had desire for more work.

Wrote a long letter to C — first in many many many months.

Looks like war — and Czechoslovakia will be saved — & & survives.

I feel very well, but am deadly tired.

Hitler wants guarantee of balance of Czeko & Hitler will surely not agree.

1938 September 25 Sunday

Up at 7:30 on a fine warm day.
Very well, but physically tired from a week's strenuous labor.

Rested most of the day & listened to broadcasts re European crisis.

Czechoslovakia rejects Hitler's armed demands. France & England very visibly preparing for war.

Hitler to speak tomorrow & orders all Germany to listen & asks crowds to line his route & the hall!

It looks as if Democracy had worked up. It's ghastly to envisage a war on such a scale as this — if it comes — will be; but better to stop the Nazis now than try & perhaps fail & stop

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these later.

Jerry showed about 5 in Tuesday to vote - but not to stay.

Sally & Louie called but I threw them out as I had to work.

Looked like rain so I made some preparations just before dark.

Paderewski broadcast from Geneva. Not too impressive.

Best music today was Bach cantata (#100) Wallenstein.

de Valera spoke from Geneva but I can't agree with him because Hitler can't be trusted.

1938 September 26 Monday

1938 October 1 Saturday

a warm fine day — but on this day Hitler takes over the Sudetan area of Czechoslovakia.

The shame of England
The shame of France
The shame of Russia

And if the U.S. had joined the League of Nations it need not have happened.

Nor Manchuria — Ethiopia — Spain — Austria.

Christ!

I drove to Seaside with George & got 2 barrels of wood oil for the driveway.

We got a lot of very fine vegetable on way back, in Oak Grove.

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Lubens, Fraser, Hanson & Vandelip paid rent.

De Pachl opened Shop #4.

Schubert's Trout quintet. Very lovely. Drove out to Rollers & had dinner with Lou & Mary. Sudweeks also. Coming out of the house & return, we saw the sky a mass of rain clouds, white like bales of cotton. Very odd but beautiful.

1938 October 2 Sunday

Waked by storm. Heavy rain falling at 7:30. I don't know how long it had been raining if it began lightly.

Up & got in the soaked Sunday Chronicle & looked over the roof of the addition to studio. One place not completed let some water through but no damage.

After breakfast it cleared up & became a lovely bright fresh day.

Polish troops took over Teschen. I can't pull myself out of this horrible defeat of liberty & democracy.

Even music doesn't cure it, though we had some great things:

The Eroica conducted by Koussevitsky,

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(recorded); Lotte Lehmann singing Comais-tu le Pays; Haydn's London Symph; "American Sampler" by the negro sett; 1½ hr. of Bach under Alfred Wallenstein (Cantata 27); Lyric

Checked leaks in settling of 7 cats. After all the hard & difficult work fixed the wall by the sink kitchen still is wet. But where in hell does it come from?

An excellent baked apple for lunch, & summer squash & soup for dinner.

I feel very well. But the world is not so well.

1938 October 3 Monday

Threatened rain most of day, but none came.

Expected a letter from E, but none came.

Worked at home 1/2 day & tended to a lot of affairs in village.

Dorothy Thompson hit into Chamberlain & his Tories.

Lunched at Blue Bird & ate a light supper at night.

Read in "The Danube Flows Through Fascism." Most interesting.

Hitler enters Sudeten "in triumph". British liberals & labor condemn Chamberlain violently. Czechoslovakia agrees to give up territory to Hungary. That's the last — for a little while.

1938 October 4 Tuesday

Fine day, bright & warm, but clouds & mild wind threaten more rain.

Walked till noon & then to village for mail. And it was a mail!

Letter from Happy — 4 close pages. H has come & left. And on Sat. E is be married to Warren.

Well, the English language is a strange thing. So is a woman.

I've been prepared for this for some time; but it's still unbelievable.

1938 October 8 Saturday

Up early, & hear Cincinnati Conservatory but they only gave us the last (& lesser) half, owing to news a jiunk KSFO thought necessary.

Night ~~Passage~~ from E, who evidently received my letter yesterday afternoon.

Worked at home most of day, outdoors & in. Spread gravel over oil on drive.

Rested some last for dinner, then went to hear Jan Kiepura & Marta Eggerth in The Chanson of La Boheme. Trite story but some good singing.

Kuster & Gay there, the former with a a bad breath!

1938 October 9 Sunday

Up at 7:30. Perfect day.

Last strawberries for breakfast. Also ate a good lunch of bread pudding & coffeecake and tea. Also a good dinner: roast lamb, sweet potato, spinach & coffee. After all, why not?

Worked hard all day. After all, why?

Stiebe conducted Ford Hour, with Bidu Sayao singing Lucia.

Wallenstein conducted Bach Cantata #114. Very beautiful.

World Series – last game – shut out symphonies etc, as ~~the Giants~~ shut out the cubs.

Many thought that should probably be in end of week.

After dinner went to Carmel Theater (guest of management) to see Astaire & Rogers, in Carefree. Swell frothy.

Oct 9 p 2

Letter from E. written Friday aft; air mail, postmarked 9:30 pm, the night before her marriage.

1938 October 10 Monday

Fine warm day. Rain forecast.

Feel very well - physically.

George came up for tools. Told him of ~~Esther's~~ marriage.

Stella got a letter from E, saying Jessica wants to come here.

Worked hard all day at home.

Bertdel on a rampage & cursing me the phone. Threatens to sue. Oh lyre. He's so unmanly & dictatorial.

Money denied rehearing by U.S. Supreme Court, Reed & Black only dissenting!

Don Giovanni (act I) broadcast from S.F. Superbly done, but poor reception.

Tom Mann got 90 days for drunk driving. Poor devil.

Dorothy Thompson gave a fine talk

Oct 10 p 2

re Nazi Germany. Illuminating.

Lindbergh called a Fascist by Moscow. He evidently was buying on Russian air values; & helped Chamberlain's excuses for buying at any price.

1938 October 11 Tuesday

up early & worked very hard all day. Mostly manual labor, inc. ~~polycut~~ cleaning of all my shoes. My wrists got decidedly sore.

Called off rehearsals in F. T. for good, till more actors available.

Meeting of Players Board at Tilly's. Chuck McCarthy got us in a hell of a mess putting on You Can't Take It with You without permission. Owners demand $125 for each of the 4 keys, instead of the customary $125 for all 4.

Rush rewrote over dinner & to Shakespeare class. Adjourned after 1 hr to go to forum in auditorium. Very interesting talk on ~~first~~ Byrd's flight

act 11 p 2

to France & his 2nd South Pole
expedition, given by Commander Nobile.

Hitler & France & England speeding
up arms & defences. So much they
trust each other. How do I!

Found a $1 bill in the P. O. &
couldn't find owner.

1938 October 12 Wednesday

So tired I slept thru the alarm & woke at 8:30!

Bright warm day. All rain threats gone. Ate a good breakfast & then to work. Perry the wood man came with truck & we loaded the lumber for Lou's garage & add. to house.

Mary phoned she'd be in later in the week, probably Saturday. I wrote a note suggesting tonight & sent it out with the lumber.

Cleaned house most of day.

Japan, being command of England's unwillingness to fight, moves to attack Hongkong & South China.

Oct 12 to 2

Mary came in about 5 as I was sweeping kitchen.

We had a good dinner, including a fine egg nog & cakes.

Mary has a bad burn (from scalding water) on back of her right leg.

We spent the evening by a fire of pine cones — not needed on this warm night but pretty to look at.

1938 October 13 Thursday

Away back to Robles in forenoon

Fixed windows in S#1

Last concert of Toronto Promenade Symph, mostly Gluck & Wagner.

Good Standard Symph broadcast

To Carmel Theatre to see "Charlie McCarthy" in Letter of Introduction.

Japan moving rapidly near Canton & tells England to like it.

1938 October 14 Friday

Meeting of Camel Players at Green Room at 8. Election of new board. I was re-elected along with most of the others, tho I spoke in favor of some who could give more time. Considerable discussion re letting people see rehearsals.

Nazis & Catholics not getting along very well in Austria. Cardinal Innitzer gave in too quickly to Hitler last year he's being brave.

1938 October 15 Saturday

It rained hard in the night. Second rain of the season.

Today is cool. Quite noticeably different from any day for months. Yes, Autumn!

Made out Griffin's sales tax report.

Also 7 Arts. Being routine, only had 5¢

Last fresh figs for lunch.

Stanford, after letting down Syracuse 10-0, won 27-16!

And a very simple dinner, which didn't agree with me as I'm physically & mentally & emotionally tired from too much world upsets last 2 weeks.

Toscanini conducted NBC Symph ~~at~~ last concert of season. Poor reception.

Roosevelt announces huge re-armament program. What else can we do?

Japan destroys Waichow.

Czechs turn Nazi methods & persecution on Jews, formerly & still by Hitler of course.

1938 October 16 Sunday

A crisp clear beautiful day.

Ate an excellent breakfast, read the paper, listened to comments till noon.

Good broadcast of Traviata.

Very satisfactory perf. of Trojan Women. Of there is in all drama a scene so poignantly tragic as that in which Andromache ~~is torn from~~ bids her mother-in-law farewell.

Not only is U. S. doubling its armaments, but S. America is turning rt. Well, its the only way to keep Hitler & Japan & ~~Italy~~ Mussolini from ruining our freedom.

Lines from the Trojan Women:

Box S, Carmel, California

October 16, 1938

Dearest Jessica:

Thank you so much for the letter telling us of the wedding ceremony of our dear Esther. I read it to all the others, who were of course deeply interested. I wish we could all have been there to wish her the greatest happiness.

I must also thank you for the sweet letter you wrote me some little time before that, which I shame-facedly admit I have not yet answered. In it you said that you and Esther were having the same smoothh sailing as you had in Carmel, and that you hoped God would let you two always be together.

But that could hardly be expected, with two young and charming women, one or the other (or both) of whom were sure to get married sooner or later. This was very sudden, however, and is a surprise to all of us. I imagine it leaves you feeling sort of lost for a while. I know there is a great empty feeling in me that it will take me a long time to fill up.

How about coming to California? You would be very welcome in Carmel, and I am certain you could make a living here. I do not think it would be possible to get you the assurance of any position before you came, as your own personality would do more to get you a place than any words of ours; but once you were here there should be no great difficulty.

I talked with Stella about you, and she said at once that you were welcome to stay with them as long as you liked, till you canvassed the whole situation and decided what you wanted to do. The Herrons have a big bedroom, as you know, that they don't use and Stella said that could be yours. And you'd have plenty to eat and needn't worry about anything.

Stella has not had a vacation for 4 years, and she works about 10 hours a day, and I feel sure she would be only too glad to let you manage her shop while she went away for awhile.

Also she made another suggestion: that you look around in New York for some samples of things that could work in with the stock she carries in the little side room--the things she imports. She suggested that you might contact some firms there, possibly bring a few samples with you, and in any event be able to write back after you and Stella had talked things over.

If you found after a trial that you didn't fit in with Stella, you could undoubtedly find some other position. You might even open a shop of your own. I have no vacancies in the Seven Arts Building, at the present time; but one never knows when there will be one, and we could make some arrangement that would be easy for you. I am sorry I am not in actual business myself, so I could give you a job.

But I'll do everything possible to help you, and I know you can be successful as well as happy here; and some time soon perhaps Esther and Warren can come to California to live and we can all be together again.

Much love to you. Rex

1938 October 17 Monday

Fine day, but quite cold morning & eve.
Felt very tired for no reason.
Tried to find solution for gutter that doesn't
fit well on add to studio.

City council at Kellogg's at 4 to hear
Reva Connor explain his backbinding
on zoning of county against billboards.

Simple supper & then read in
Dante book till 11, except while
Cavalieri Rusticana broadcast from
S.F. Opera House. Best reception so far.
And best Santuzza I've ever heard: Ebe
Stignani (American debut of La Scala
company)

Came home at 6 to hear Dorothy
Thompson & also a stamp expert — and
got a 1-hr talk by Hoover!

1938 October 18 Tuesday

Cool morning & fine day.

Impossible note from E.

Worked hard all day, taking advantage of the weather.

Shakespeare class at Emmet at 7:15.

1938 October 19 Wednesday

Up early on a warm day.
Laid asbestos roofing on new part of ~~the motor~~ studio.
Mary & Son in to shop, & brought me some eggs. Mary had a letter from Constance.
Took down gutter (< it broke in 2) & put up flat piece of galv. iron.
Piece of wedding cake from E.
Meeting of Council at Kellogg's. Tried to get Barney Adams salary reduced but Watson sided against Beck & me.
City council (adjourned reg. meet) at 7:45. Granted Flint Watson's auto shop, reported result of billboard conference, opened city printing bids. Crystal bid 18, P Cone 15, so P Cone

Oct 29 & 2

got it & Corkburn had to resign from Library Board. Very live meeting with lots of verbal gymnastics. Adjourned - 9 p.m.

& Carmel Theatre to give a 3 minute talk for Community Chest. Lyons introduced me.

Bob Hinkey won the 100 percent pick list of Ten-arm. $162!

Romance of Limberlost was film. Not my style, but very well acted.

1938 october 20 Thursday

Hot day. Up early & worked laying asbestos roofing (hot as hell!)

Confab with City assessor & County Assessor & Peter Mawdsley at 1:30. I think we got Von Bremer to agree to basic valuation, but not percentage to be used.

Mrs Yates has a leak in her show window, & smoke again from Studio above. Damn & damn.

Got the best haircut I've had in years.

Took a long hot & cold shower, fixed a good dinner & listened to Standard Symph in dark with doors open.

Two huge stars in sky.

I feel very well but tired from hard work.

Got my first check from High School. $2.00 an hour.

Oct 26 h 2

Beethoven E flat major Q. Last of the Walkey-Brown series.

Some comparatively good american music by Howard Barlow's orchestra + Tristan

At 3 o'clock Winston Churchill broadcast from London. A fine talk. He's quite right: if America doesn't join France England to stop dictators, we'll have to do it alone later. But why not be straightforward & say what each nation really means? And why sell arms to Japan? And not to the Spanish Govt?

Bach series: Cantata #96

Edgar Bergen + Charlie McCarthy with Sonja Henie most amusing.

Washed 5 pairs corduroys — and how stiff they are!

Wrote to Jessica.

1938 October 21 Friday

Hesitated a long time about going to Olsen dinner, ofc opera, ofc flu, ofc distance, etc. Finally decided to go. Went very simply dressed. Got lost. But I am very glad I went. It was all old-timers! Happy Burgwin = Paul Flanders (here about 15 years) the newcomers! Bechdolt, Hopper, Short, me = 30+ years! Olsen, Ritchel, Jeffers, Flavin. Cocktails, a gorgeous bouquet, coffee in enclosed porch, nice lights. I enjoyed only the sherry. But such a meal! 1/2 lobster, 1/2 chicken, delicious fresh mushroom soup, salad, several stuffed veg, ice cream & birthday cake for John Olsen. Lots of good talk.

Oct 21 12

Ewen Jeffers said a few words over them. I got home at 1, feeling o.k.

Cynthal has long interesting ltr of last evening mail. Sent copies & C & Bill, as I mentions both of them in me the 20-acre fort Lodge. Also notes of F.T. $20,000 inst.

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1928 October 22 Saturday

Worked hard all day but threw no end to it.

Toscanini 2nd broadcast. Medium reception. 5th Symph of Beeth. not wonderful.

Nice letter from Jessica. Poor girl is half sick again (from end of her fortnight with E, & she seems very much fed up - reading between the lines.

Stella got a letter from her too, telling a lot about F. Think, bothered him, even more wonderful than I told her. "Divinely happy with H." Some change from 1934! But that only would change anything.

1938 October 23 Sunday

Fine day. Stayed at home to work & read & hear concerts.

Fair football Cornell

Everyman a triple duel

Good hot & sad talk on Czechoslovakia

Major Key gave interesting [illegible] day tests, & talked Phil Morris - San Pedro - New York all together; also planes & submarine except bell & my friend Admiral King from the Ranger.

1st [illegible] of NY Phil this year - under Barbirolli. They played 5th Symph that Toscanini gave last night. Today was better. Party reception, hatty [illegible] orchestra.

New Friends of Music 1st [illegible] (I was to hear 3 movts of them on Thurs!)

Ed 23 L

Bach Cantata , with odd tunes
& Charles Mulcahy & to Around World in
80 Days by Orson Welles. And finally
Sunday Fad Hour with Abbott. He doesn't
seem half so good as in movies.

Good records of Mozart G minor (#40)
& C major (#41) Symps.

1938 October 24 Monday

Very warm day. Worked at home most of time, except an hour on city big. Saider has backed out of his tract agreement on having Beardsley work with County Assessor to get new vals for city rolls.

Excellent lunch at Normandy

Stella wants Jessica very sweet warm insistence she come out & be with them. But its hardly selfish on Stella's part. If J comes Smith have a fine helper at low cost.

Light supper & then to the Grand Rooms. Interesting but not much value. Lovely warm clear night

Hawkins is packing.

1938 October 25 Tuesday

Hot but fine day.
Up early & ate a good breakfast.
Expected lunch so should go to
Bob Leidy's dinner & Pine Lawn at 5:30

Phone confabs with City attorney & Clem
Kellogg re assessment work, then met
with Mawdsley, Tavernetti, Van Brunt
& Hudson & after 2 hrs persuasion
& emotional display by Van Brunt,
she gave in and told Mawdsley to go ahead.

Worked at home all afternoon, then
at 4 to hunt beets in 7a Bldg with
Walt Ellsworth.

Feel very well.

But Hoover has been renominated
& the pols are in full possession.
China seems to be done. God damn.

Oct 25 '42

I broke my neck getting changed from my work costume to my dinner clothes & then they didn't start for 15 minutes! But it was a fine dinner. Bob asked me to act as toastmaster which I did. The 5 very pretty ushers were in the party. After, we saw small movies of the golden Bough fire. What a loss that was to Canad & particularly to our block.

Fog came in thick for an hour & then cleared away to another lovely star lit night.

1938 October 29 Saturday

Warm, with tiny showers.

Paid ~~H~~ & ~~H~~ & ~~H~~ & principal.

Drove to Monterey & got the 2 ~~re~~ tuned tires — 2 2.50 + tax. I'd put ~~on~~ ~~on~~ ~~on~~ two low, but fortunately got by. The 2 old ones were almost non-usable.

Dickinson & Williams say Bonnet's (né Flanders) layout scheme is impossible. Would cost $100,000!

Stiles has heard from Jess. She won't come out ~~to~~ till January.

Warmed over dinner + spinach.

Tonight NBC repeat 7 & 8:45. First time reception has been good, 2nd Brandenburg Concerto, Haydn Horn Concerto, & the Pathetique. Horns in last were wonderful. All vivid.

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J.W. Wright said he'd mailed copies of my poem, Heil Hitler, to numerous persons around the country. He said it was misprised & despised. Well, its short, anyhow.

Read Sailer on Hasebach till 11. Stone speaks often of Clendenin. It seems to me a vital biography, tho there are some errors. Jack only spent 1 week here, & it was 1909 not 1913. He is right in his descriptions of character.

1938 October 30 Sunday

Rained in the night, & a little this morning. Unsettled all day, with a few hours damp sunshine.

8 Paglicci broadcast from Radio City Major Key had S.F. Opera Co in concert. Barbirolli conducted Phil in Brahms 2nd Symph & also Chopin piano concerto #2 with Guiomar Novaes.

Pastoral from KHUB. I never tire of it, esp when Kussewitsky conducting.

Friends of Music 2nd broadcast concert: Bach's Brandenburg Concertos 4 & 6.

Mushrooms, corn & green peas (Wheatena) inflat by studio! I dug the last of the potatoes. Feel well but unreasonably tired.

Bach Cantata series (Cantata 180

Oct 30 '72

Coolidge & started fall series with Beethoven & in G major. Rick playing, superb reception. The 2nd movement was gorgeous.

1938 November 1 Tuesday

Tired after window work last night & didn't hear alarm. Woke at 8:40. The ground was very wet, so it must have rained hard in early morn.

Collected rents of Vandeleur, Hesson & Fraser.

Paid Barber rates £8.85. Dep to her fr.

Mary phoned she was coming in to lunch with Maude Hoyle, but it rained hard at Robbs so they didn't.

Met Irving Stone at shop at 4 & got mounted copy of Lincoln as Hancock. He didn't meet Clendening — only wrote him. Says C is writing his memoirs.

To dinner at 8 & then Stone's talk on London. Interesting but too lightly edited & rather disjointed.

Nov 1 & 2

Barbauld introduced him in a very good talk, in which he spoke of me (in the early days) writing fine sonnets.

There was discussion after, re Jack's time spent in Cornwall & Georgie's writing part (or nearly all!) of Theft & Georgie having (or not) written any prose. But & I soon settled the last point. (I have a lot of it in magazines).

After to Birches with the Wormleys & drank too much chocolate & played a few records - Chinese game & talked re Europe & heard rain pour down. And home at 12:30. Damn.

1938 November 2 Wednesday

Up at 8:15. Dark morning; soon a clear fine day, turning cold in late afternoon.

Felt tired & as if I might be getting sick, but quit eating a while hard & soon felt well again.

Deposited Fraser & Lowes rents & paid $127 interest & 4% municipal on 7a Bldg.

This week Life (Oct 31) I find has a double center spread in color of Lewes' Peace & Plenty, which Grandfather once owned.

Bechdolt gladly supports me in trying for a better library board.

Music Dir. will take charge of Xmas carols, so the city's money will be better spent.

Chamberlain acknowledges Hitler is master of Europe. He is surely with men to whom I count & backed by his Tory compatriots.

1938 November 4 Friday

Diggity rain.

Mary came in A noon (with tea) to get roofing for Ribles garage, but it didn't come till after she'd gone. (My watch rode on top of car when I hauled roofing home!!! A miracle.

Roosevelt made a fine clear cut talk at 4:30, urging election of New Deal supporters.

Shakespeare class at 8 — only most of our were late, so we watched part of rehearsal of Burke's play & were in on the row with Dixon. Page & Mary Henderson were drunk & Nina Kitselman is a queer person.

P Cone has op of Jimmy Hoffa's manager to Glasgow Sawsaws. Rather a surprise.

I have a Red Cross face in this issue.

Remin of Stone's lecture said I disagreed with Stone at the meeting. I didn't — but I do.

Had a beer at Whitneys with Margaret & Edith, & nearly forgot to drink. And I don't like beer.

1938 November 5 Saturday

Up at 7:30 on a cool clear morning.
Pains in chest.
Washed clothes, hauled stuff from S#2 & Cannels.
Arranged with Dick to work at Cannels on Monday
Washington beat Stanford 10-7 & USC beat Cal. 13-7.
Made a stew & ate dinner while listening to Toscanini & NBC orchestra.
Hoover made a (for him) good speech.
His reply to Roosevelt re calling out armed forces was ridiculous. R. said yesterday he'd not called out armed forces in his six yrs. H said the Nat. Guard which are armed forces of the nation had been called out 90 times, while he (H) had not called 'em out in his term. True, but R didn't call Nat Guard (governors, usually against his opinion, did it) while Hoover did call out the army to drive the poor devils of petitioners from Washington.
Very fine day. Cold clear full moon night.
"Samson Agonistes" by a contemporary, an allegory of England & the fascists, fine dramatic poetic prose, well delivered.

1938 November 7 Monday

Met Dick at Carmelo & house at 10 & worked with him till noon, removing drainboards & screen door, & putting new copper screen on back porch.

Mary came in about 4. She looks better than she did when she was here for my birthday.

We had dinner at 7, with delicious cup cakes Mary made for dessert.

After dinner we enjoyed a fire of pine cones.

1938 November 8 Tuesday

Voted for Haight, thus throwing vote away — but I couldn't vote for Merriam & don't trust Olson. Voted for Downey for U.S. Senate, tho he favors "30 every Thursday"; but he can't do much about it in Washington. Voted against #1, #20, #25.

Many roughly the same way.

We worked at Carmelo in forenoon, then many to Monterey & back to Robles.

Late evening returns state election of Wagner & Reed in N.J. & probably Lehman as Gov.

1938 November 9 Wednesday

Wrote to C.

Council met at 7:45. Others, Ritchel, Dougherty & Whitman & Coote there & ask for help for art assoc. I made a speech in reply assuring them of our goodwill & some aid. Also for all arts. ~~Superv~~ Appointment of Matthews, rec. by library board, caused a flurry, well begun by Burdett & backed by me. Determined to put the board's recommendations down, we first postponed action on the appointment, but finally approved it.

1938 November 10 Thursday

Wire from Bill at noon saying he'd be down, alone, after dinner, for week-end. So I put out clean sheets for his bed, bought oranges & milk for him.

Listened to Standard Symph & read till 11 & then to bed, as Bill hadn't arrived.

Nov 9 Olsen & Patterson won gov. & lt. gov. Downey beat Bancroft for U.S. senate. Murphy defeat for House.

Amend #1 (picket regulation) defeated. Also pound law, single tax, ham & eggs.

Murphy lost in Minnesota, LaFollette in Wisconsin.

1938 November 11 Friday

Bill got in about 1 o'clock last night (=this morning). He came down from S.F. with Freddie Opal. Planned to start at 4 but didn't till 9!

He slept late so I had breakfast alone; but I fixed a good meal for Bill when he got up.

The idea in this Armistice Day (the 20th) is quite different from the hopeful ones of the earlier years, now that Hitler & Mussolini & the Japs militaristic clique are trampling on everything softer & smaller than themselves.

Nov 11 & 12

Had time for only oranges for lunch so was ready for an early dinner with Bill. We had wonderfully sweet tender beets, lima beans & cakes & applesauce.

Then Bill to movies & I to task sitting & Shakespeare.

Bill is in fine health, looks it, & seems quite happy in his new quarters in S.F. He has a new job (office work, mostly figuring insurance) with the same co.

1938 November 12 Saturday

~~Bill came in last night about 1 o'clock. Grace & Ted & quarreled & he was down to bed & Ted planned & cleaned & & did not ~~ ~~& this a.m. & they got off at 9 +~~

Cold night & this morning ☆ was 40° at 8 a.m. Later I heard ☆ was 26° at Del monte. That's cold for us.

Fixed a good breakfast for Bill, who trimmed the Arbin & drove & the ranch & had his birthday dinner with his mother.

I laid out his gift (pajamas) on his bed & wrote a card: Many happy returns of the day and to Carmel.

Spent the afternoon looking after tenants: busses for apt, heat for #8.

Bill took his roofing out — & Mary & Jim came in 20 minutes after he'd gone.

Nov 12 & 2

On the way back from the coast he stopped & saw them but the house was dark.

He got back here about 10:30. Said he'd had homemade champagne for dinner.

We talked football. Cal beat Oregon 20-0 while Wash beat USC 7-6 & that made UC very happy as they're again in running for Rose Bowl.

Bill says his great uncle wants him for an heir & wants him to take the name of Pinkertonski. There wasn't room I could say, as Bill is 26 & has been supporting himself for some years — but the idea is not pleasant. After all he's my son, not his great uncle's.

Nov 12 & 3

Card from E in morning mail, wondering why I didn't write.

I finished the difficult packing of the vase & picked out a week ago & sent it by insured pkt.

I'll write when I can decide what to say — probably Monday.

1938 November 13 Sunday

Decidedly cold morning; bright crisp day; cold evening.

Up at 7:30 & fixed breakfast for Bill & myself.

We read the paper & listened to radio.

Bill took the car home & went to call on friends, while I listened to Philharmonic. Smart but not stirring program, the best being Schubert's cello concerto in A minor, with Joseph Schuster as soloist.

Johnnie Campbell was to take Bill to H.H. late afternoon but decided to go early, so Bill & the left about 2.

Bill is in fine health & quite happy. He likes his present boarding house & is eating well & regularly.

He said he might be a Poniatowski when I see him next.

After he'd gone I felt pretty blue.

Dec 13 1942

Thinking over his dear childhood & his changing his name & called him funny; it seemed like losing him. But we lose our children every year as they grow up — & what's a name?

I guess I've lived alone too long.

Dinner wasn't very tasty, nor even the Kleist & playing Beethoven & Wallenstein's group playing Bach.

I called Bill up at 10:45 to make sure he got back safe to S.F. & repeated my Xmas invitation.

1938 November 14 Monday

Up at 7:30 on a bright cold morning. It grew much warmer, & not so cold tonight.

Unable to throw off the hurt of Bill's intention to change his name, I couldn't work at home alone & spent much of the day doing things at Bldy & around town.

Paid interest on Camelo & some other bills. Signed for $6 for 1939 for Com. Chest. Mainly thought it generous, but I was a little ashamed of its smallness.

Mary Hurd she'd be in Wednesday a.m.

~~Howe~~ spoke in a fine clear speech against Hitlers gang in their outrages to Jews. Most of America seems aroused. It's about time!

Dorothy Thompson broadcast 15 min. against the Nazis. A very strong, biting

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talk, ending in appeal for help to save Herschel Grynszpan from execution.

Got more things put under cover for the rains. Scrubbed the shower.

Ate a few lunch at DeFoe's & had a late supper at home. 1 wounded-one casualty. Hot coffee, toast, & prunes.

German ambassador to France called home for consultation. He should have been told to "ask for his passport."

1938 November 20 Sunday

up at 7:15. Heavenly day, clear, fresh & warm.

. Madrigal Singers, with Yella Pessel playing Bach on harpsichord.

Rigoletto from Radio City Music Hall. Robert Weede sang Rig. beautifully. Rosemarie Brancato & Jan Peerce 2nd rate Julius Caesar. excellent also.

Emanuel Feuermann cello soloist in Major Key.

Phil. Symph under Barbirolli. All Wagner, nice. T & B. Untiless F listening.

Saddle soaped shoes, washed clothes.

1938 November 24 Thursday

Thanksgiving Day.

U. S. C beat UCLA 42-7! This doubtless means USC will get Rose Bowl.

Good turkey dinner at Frys. Cousin Jill sure can eat!

asked & told Pa I was thankful & could be very happy without buying anything from Germany - Italy - Japan.

Worked all day storing things before the coming rain.

1938 November 25 Friday

Wedding anniversary. 14 years. Equals length of time married to Opal.

Mary came in this morning. We did some work, had lunch, talked, marketed, went to Camels.

Fine warm clear day.

Had a good dinner at 7 at Opal's & spent a very pleasant evening together.

I let myself loose
on the chocolate mousse
There was no excuse —
But what's the use?

Gave Mary Anderson's "Barts of America" (gorgeous book).

We considered a Ford V 8 (1936) for $565 but decided we couldn't pay for it. This would have been for Mary, with me keeping

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the cashmere & with the stationery for handing for all of us.

Mrs. Bartonik brought Mary a 2-mo. puppy. True Breed 1/2 cocker, 1/2 terrier. Darling little thing, adores Mary.

Both Doc Cone & Cymbal have front box seats of my Hitler motion in Carmel.

1938 November 26 Saturday

Away up early & early to Monterey. Returning, she gathered up a wagon load of things + the little black pup and went back to Pebbles.

Iris birthday & I sent her the book shelves she had set her eye on. Also I subscribed to Sat Eve Post for her.

Worked hard all day — maybe too hard, for my hip hurt in afternoon & eve.

Went with Irving & inspected some theater hazards & Filmarte, and to Jeffers for an inscription in a book

Fresh Monterey salmon for dinner.

Mozart's concerto for bassoon & orchestra.

Gluck's Orpheus & Eurydice from N.Y. — first of opera broadcasts from Metrop this year. Beautiful old work.

Stanford beat Dartmouth 23-13!

Tosca in broadcast messy.

1938 November 27 Sunday

Up at 8. Fine day, clear & warm.

Decided to get a good & well-needed rest, so ate lightly & read & listened to all the music — some 10 hours of it! None outstanding, finally because my radio is tired & need new tubes at least.

Washed clothes, checked taxes, made an excellent rice custard pudding.

Charles Boyer played The Ghost of Tranjolli (?) which was delightful.

Told Beck to call back his boat of cops to Monterey.

Daladier has his hands full! Hope he gets junked.

Chamberlain is quoted as having said some time ago: "France must rise or the ill he later gets everywhere." Dear Mr. Chamberlain.

Walter Hampden's Othello broadcast good.

1938 December 3 Saturday

Up at 7:15. Steady dull rain practically all day.

No eggs. Mush.

applesauce for lunch.

Carrots & canned soup for dinner.

Radio from Metrop. Martinelli & Tibbett. Very good opera very well sung.

They broke the broadcast at 1:45 just as last act was to begin, so they could give the U S C - Notre Dame football game. And for once I didn't mind. It was a very fine game. 0 to 0 near end of 1st 1/2, & with 15 seconds to play the Trojans threw a long pass & made a touchdown. In the 3rd Q they recovered an Irish fumble & scored again. 13 to 0

win for the under-dogs.

Worked at home all day except for a short trip to village for mail & cream & garbage.

1938 December 4 Sunday

Up at 7:30 on a very beautiful day — clear, bright & fresh. Also warm.

No eggs in mush for breakfast.

Mary & Jo came in about 10 with fresh eggs & also the little black pup & 3 layer cups. On their way to church.

Music & papers till 2 when I had prunes & toast for lunch.

Only important broadcast: N.Y. Phil under Barbirolli. Haydn 4th & Brahms 1st, latter exceedingly well done.

I feel better mentally than for several days — probably because of the divine weather after the dingly rain — or maybe I'm getting used to the fact that I didn't make the world & that most people have to endure lots of

things. And it's my own fault I have to accept some of the things I do.

1938 December 9 Friday

And still the same weather continues.

Up at 7:30. Mary already up & had her coffee. She likes it the minute she is up.

After we got the final sig. on the Wood extension, which gives us another year, many rct. & Robles.

Ogden got huffy because I asked if he could pay his rent. He said he'd pay it when he had it, not before. He'll find himself without a studio the 1st Dec. I've been too decent to tenants who can & don't pay.

1938 December 10 Saturday

up at 7:15. Cool & bright, turning warmer.

Worked till 11, when I stopped & began Lizzie's from Mutsy, with Playstart - Brambles Schmo - Water & Carl Hartman as S.

3 to commencement re High school site, & later looked over the 3 magnificent locations being considered. God what views & sweep & air!

Looked after some tenants, collected $10 rent from Tarrant, arranged for Xmas tree in cent.

Got a pound of stew meat & fixed a kidney X for dinner.

WSC typed under Rodzinski: chirpy Tschk's 5th.

Read dust Kiang Kui Shek till 11.

1938 December 11 Sunday

Up at 7:45. Cool clear morning.

Poached eggs & toast & coffee

Read the large Sunday paper & listened to radio.

Scheherazade suite well done.

Marian Anderson has a gorgeous voice.

N.Y. Phil under Barbirolli: Bach Suite in D major, Schubert's Unfinished.

Worked at desk for a while then ate a boiled apple & ten for lunch.

Alfred Wallenstein's strings gave Ernie Kleinrath a wrist watch.

Europe is marking time, while U.S. & S. America talk finance.

Mary Hamel. She feels all right again

Bach Cantata #140

To Carmel Theatre to see "Suez" — an interesting piece of tripe. Tyrone Power as de Lesseps! Good scenes.

1938 December 12 Monday

Up 7:45 on a cold overcast morning.

Desk work till noon.

Borrowed $300 on personal note to take care of December, as only a dollar left in ofc & Yates & Ogden haven't paid rent.

Paid out 56 in interest, 50 & Sais ofc, & other bills.

Collected for rated stock taxes, 12.56 from Griffin.

Home at 5:45, made a fire on hearth as it's a cold evening.

E phoned from Northampton to ask why I hadn't written.

1938 December 13 Tuesday

Cold & overcast. Clear in afternoon.

Lot full of trees cut & new cor. of Santa Clara & 7th for Joe Perry. Made a fires.

Vallejo Gantner came in on bus & saw me. We had a good talk at Dairy on Forst Theater & Shake Festival. He's had some interesting experiences since he played Bottom for me in 1931.

Mary brought eggs. She's in marketing & shopping.

Worked on roof of 7A Bldg & also cleaned up service court completely. Nasty job.

Home & took a good bath & cooked dinner & washed the dishes.

Read by hearthfire till 11

Chamberlain spoke on London & dinner of Foreign Press. He defended Munich. I hate his guts — & he has any.

1938 December 14 Wednesday

Up at 7:30 Warmer.

Meet of com on High School at Legion Hall, & petitions started for formation of Carmel district

Rain began at 9:30 & kept up more or less all day.

Lunch at Blue Bird.

Radio says Roosevelt told Eden that France voting in Spain would not be agreable to U.S. (Maybe Congress will repeal neutrality act).

Accomplished little, too busy all day.

1938 December 15 Thursday

Worked easily "all day till 3" then to hear Vollmer report on police dept. He suggests a night desk man & radio.

Mary came in at 2 & did shopping then we met at home & had a good dinner. Mary made muffins.

We went to see The 39 Steps (which I'd seen months ago & enjoyed greatly).

We spent a delightful evening.

Had a fruit cones & a good egg nog.

1938 December 16 Friday

Mary made cup cakes & cleaned me.

We spent all morning hunting Xmas trees & putting one up in Ta court.

After lunch we tacked cheesecloth on inside of lattice under outer stairway. A dirty job & I bathed hastily when I got home.

Mary set & Robles about 4.

The community Xmas tree, decorated by others, is mystical & quite the best we've had. Only blue lights, with a white star at top & holly spots lighting inside of tree, & cut tin designs all over.

Shakespeare group in eve. Read Bain's "The Rehearsal" & my arrangement of comedy scenes from "Henry IV."

1938 December 17 Saturday

up at 7:30, ate a good breakfast, listened to my Phil children's concert.

Wigman from Metrop. Cortez not too good as Wilhelm, but Paige a fine Tannhäuser & Rise Stevens good Wigman.

Washed clothes, wrote some letters.

Sent Arthur $10 & a long letter.

Council met & work informally on budget at 3:30.

Home at 6, cooked dinner & listened to Rodzinski N.B.C. Symph. out at 7. Beethoven first.

Louise showed me Valley Oak Rd school today = $90 !

1938 December 18 Sunday

Up at 7:45. Rain most of day.

Stayed home all day except an hour to check leaks in 7A Bldg.

Outstanding radio music was on the Phil. broadcast: Beethovens Concerto in C maj. for piano & orchestra, with Hortense Monath soloist.

Read several hours, washed dishes, ironed shirts.

Christmas carols, scheduled for 8 p.m., postponed, so Ds & I was down town & went to movies (Men with Wings).

1938 December 19 Monday

Rained most of day. Warm.

Checked all leaks. That in Studio out, which I thought stopped, is still there a little. But none at Edwards. And water keeps mud in home basement.

Lunch at Normandy, so ate apple sauce & tea for dinner at 8:15.

Worked on budget at Kellogg's with Council. Got Police cut $565, & added 800 & F.T. & 200 & at Ass. Hard rain at 4 while at Kellogg's.

France starting a tremendous offensive, hoping to win before Democracies get too courageous against Fascists.

Postponed Carols again, ofc weather.

1938 December 20 Tuesday

Rain in morning & thundering most of day, but none fell.

Xmas cards around big community tree, & made a brief speech – very swift.

Cards were good, thanks to Miss Terry.

Walked around the shopping district to see the windows & home to bed.

Sent a card to Jessica, with "Merry Kissmas" on back of Camel tree scene (Kamerascript)

Sent a musical card to Hoffy and Smith's Camel book to E&W with an esholtzia card.

Sent C 4 books (Hyman Kaplan, Amiee's Cook Book, Care of Cats & Clendenings Human Body)

Mailed 2 page letter to Bill.

1938 December 21 Wednesday

Heavy day for work. Cold weather.
Looked over pictures in new Carmel Art Gallery.
Made short wind speech at opening reception.
Didn't draw any picture.
Swell tea party.
High school confabs.
City Council meet at 7:45. Volluer report, long comments by me. El Paseo offer for City Hall. More Comments. Lots of snappy talk with the Press.
Home at 10:30, cold as hell. Took a hot & cold shower & to bed.
Mary in with tea in morning.
Revolt among Franco's troops & seeps with Stalin, hits radio reports. Hope it's true.

1938 December 22 Thursday

Wf at 8 on shortest day of year.
Clear & cold.
Washed clothes, burned rubbish.
Short Conf. with Comstock & Rhea on
F. & T. lighting equipment.
Real estate biz w Connalo.
Lunch at Blue Bird — punk.
Finish Xmas shopping. Letter from Arthur.
Home at 5:30 & made a good fire.
Bovell made a good talk on Town Meet.
how for repeal of neutrality law which
has been such a help to Fascists & Japs.
My own mushrooms for supper.
L.A. Lynch made Svedowski.
Bill phoned he's coming down tomorrow.
Japan can't get war supplies on credit.
And Franco is down with flu. Seriously.
Ha! ha! Also internal trouble for him.

1938 December 23 Friday

up at 7:50. Cold morning, turning to perfect & glorious day.

Mary & Jim came in to shop & deliver small presents in Carmel.

Washed clothes & cleaned house.

Asked Ogden for rent but he said he didn't have it.

Got 2 sirloin steaks for our dinner.

Bill arrived at 6:10.

We went out with flash & gathered some fresh mushrooms & Bill fried them with the steaks. Also we had hummus, sprats, persimmon - cheese salad & tarts with whipped cream.

Good talk by Alvin Riso from Commonwealth club. Not very idealistic but quite rational. He doesn't damn the dictators - just says

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We can't live in the world with huge all powerful empires like Japan + China & Germany + Middle East & Italy + North Africa & Spain.

Bill & visit friends & I read Cyclad & Pcone, at today. Must be Conrad & Rolleum, the Bastille article was very moderate despite his antagonism.

Tom & Jerry with Cobbe & Weir most excellent & comforting.

Present from E, the opened Xmas.

1938 December 25 Sunday

Up late & we had breakfast together more or less. Bill stands up & eat! He waited till 10:30 for Jim & Helen & appear & then left for ranch.

Jo & I stayed up at 12:30 & got their presents from the table

1938 December 26 Monday

Bill came in from the round late last night — after I was asleep.

Cold morning. Fixed breakfast for us both, but Bill slept till 10.

Then he took some presents from Opal out to Fort Helena.

I worked a little at home & read several hours.

Bill back at 4 & packed to go.

He left about 5 & I surely hated to have him go. I told him he'd better study for a barber's license so he could have his own business here soon.

The house was pretty lonesome, so I went to town & Jenny party at Rylands'. Lots of tidbits (mostly turkey) & I consumed 6 T & p's.

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Then to rehearsal of Faust ballet & Filmusic. The men are excellent, the women weak, the tempo too slow.

Dick McCarthy phoned earlier (a most pathetic, as he was in Chicago last time I heard) & I spoke to Dixon about his directing next May.

1938 December 27 Tuesday

Cold morning. Beautiful day. Good log fire at night.

Eating very simply, but my dinner of lettuce - cot cheese - green plum salad didn't like me. Mongrel egg plant non mince pie. All wholesome food. All hell.

Letter from Bill saying he got home safe & sound & thanking me for his vacation. Signed "Your precious Bill." Joke or no, it's the truth!

Read again some of the delightful "Here are ladies."

Whitman paid rent a few days late. Usually this very prompt.

1938 December 28 Wednesday

Up at 8:15 after a bad night. Everything I ate for dinner yesterday must have disagreed with me. Terrible dreams & some rheumatism.

Cold morning. Fine day. Cold evening.

Ate orange juice for lunch, & spinach & raw toast & coffee for dinner.

Council looked at trees & signs at 4 & held agreed meet at 5. Enjoyed new police officer from Stateschool.

Met Chick McCarthy on street. He seems a bit subdued.

Asked Gene for some money but he has none. Reminding him of his word to pay up in January, he replied the estate not yet settled & explained he

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expected to break mill. !!?!!

No mail yet from Ogden or Yates.

1938 December 29 Thursday

Up at 8, feeling nearly right again.
Cold morning turning to fine clear crisp day.
Mary phoned at 9 to say check not be in till Monday.
Worked at home most of day.
Shovaro brought the load of black earth from Palo Colorado that I ordered about 3 mos. ago.
Paid F.H.A. installment. No payments have come in from Spiellen since Feb.
Coolidge Q played Beethoven's Q in B flat major from Library of Congress.

1938 December 31 Saturday

many phone at 10. Shall be in bunker & doesn't storm.

Fidelio from Metro (with Flagstad) didn't seem so wonderful as last time, probably due to interruptions by city attorney & by phone calls re school situation.

Spent afternoon 3 to 6:30 on this, including meet at Kellogg's, & Mandeley Lyon & I with Thelma & Schwinger.

The school board met at 11 this am & selected Pandini Park, so will have to work fast & well to get Hatton Fields site.

Light dinner at home & then to Filmarte & saw last act of Tovarich again & then with Ted Kirby & Beverly Tait to Monterey where Carmel Players gave the

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flew down at Hotel San Carlos New Years party.

The Pebble Beach gate keeper wouldn't let us through as I don't carry my pass with me. I was more deadly mean to him that I ever remember ever being before to a servant or gate keeper. Naturally I'm too pleasant. But tonight we were in a hurry & the fool should have known better. I drove back there in my own car with Hata on it & told him & the good look at 1:30 & told him to take a good look at my face so he'd know me next time.

The party was very flat. Ted Warren brought me home.